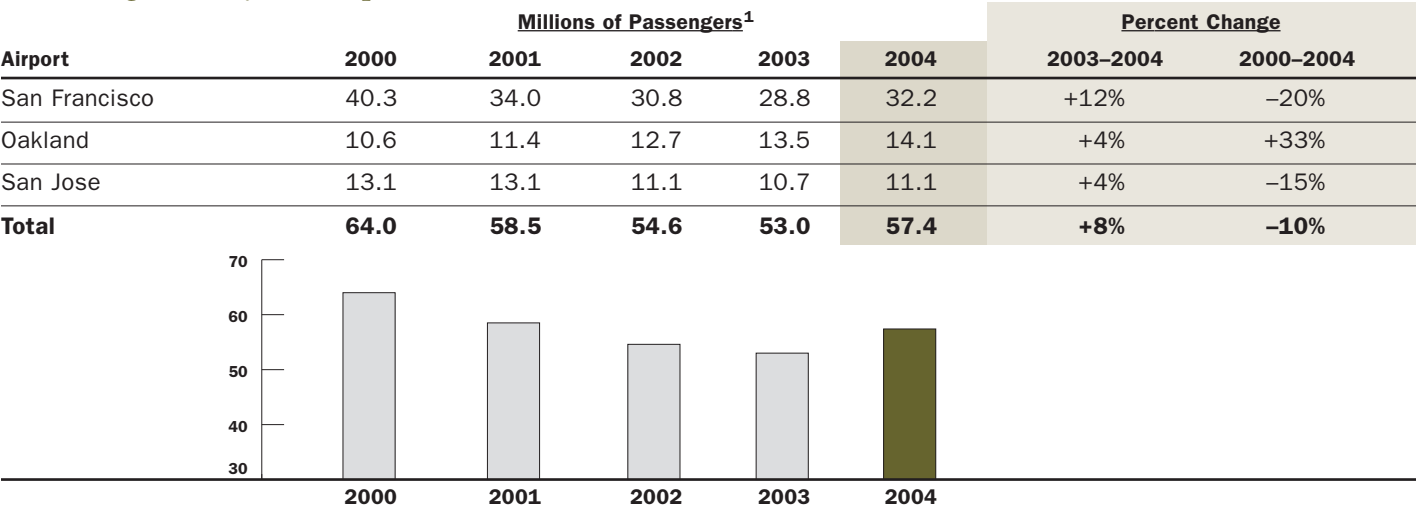


Air Passenger and Cargo Volumes Rebound in 2004, Reversing Three-Year Slide; Both Measures Still Below 2000 Levels

- Passenger and freight activity at Bay Area airports increased in 2004 for the first time since 2000. The number of air passengers increased 8 percent from 2003 and the volume of air cargo increased 3 percent. However, regionwide, air cargo and air passenger volumes still have not returned to the levels reached in 2000, prior to the dot-com economic implosion and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- San Francisco International Airport — which processes more than half the region’s air passengers and which had been hit hardest by the dropoff in volume — experienced the biggest rebound in 2004, with the number of air passengers increasing by 12 percent. At San Jose International Airport, air passenger volumes climbed 4 percent after several years of decline. Passenger volumes remain well below 2000 levels at both airports.

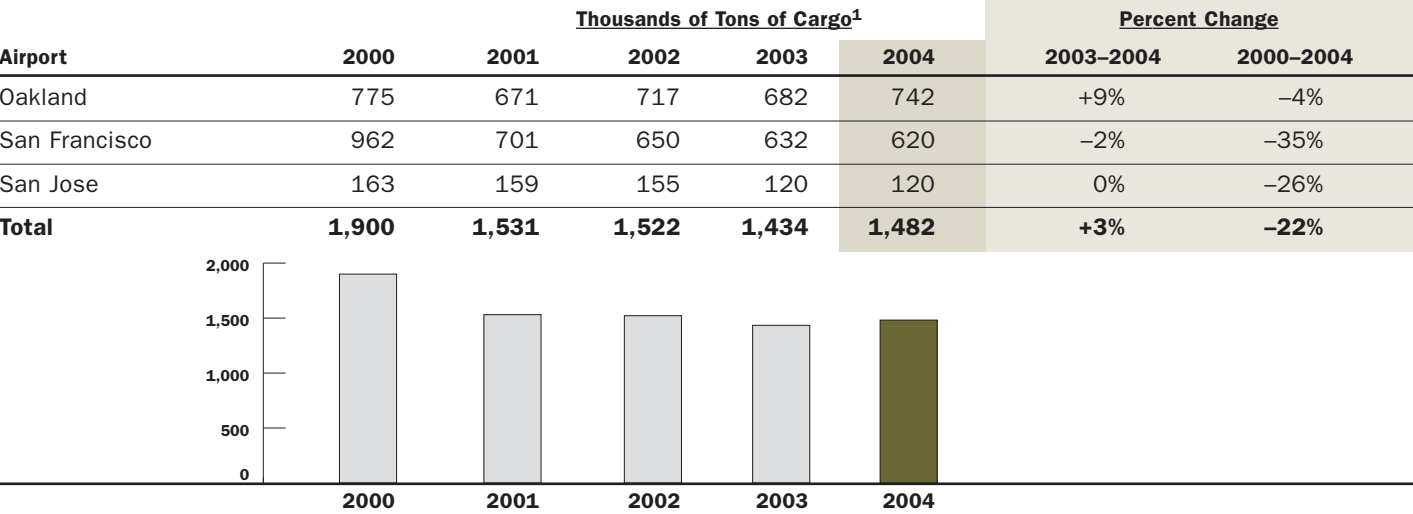
Air Passengers at Bay Area Airports, 2000–2004



Sources: Port of Oakland, San Jose International Airport, San Francisco International Airport.
¹Measured by enplanements and deplanements.

- Oakland International Airport continued its well-established pattern of steady annual growth in the number of air passengers served. In 2004, the volume of air passengers increased by 600,000 at the East Bay airport, an increase of 4 percent over the year-earlier level. The cumulative growth since 2000 has been an impressive 33 percent, boosting Oakland International's share of the regional air passenger market from 17 percent in 2000 to 25 percent in 2004.
- Air cargo volume in 2004 increased a healthy 9 percent at Oakland International Airport — the only one of the three Bay Area airports to see an increase. The volume of cargo at San Jose International held steady at 120,000 tons, while San Francisco International witnessed a 2 percent decrease in air cargo tonnage. Overall, the 3 percent increase in regional air cargo volume was not as robust as the growth in air passenger traffic. And the 2004 total (1.5 million tons) remains 22 percent below 2000 levels.

Air Cargo at Bay Area Airports, 2000–2004



Sources: Port of Oakland, San Jose International Airport, San Francisco International Airport
¹One ton = 2,000 pounds